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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 16, 2001

APPLICATION OF

DOMINION RETAIL, INC.

CASE NO. PUE010482

For a permanent license to
conduct business as an
electric and natural gas
competitive service provider
and as an aggregator

and

APPLICATION OF

DOMINION RETAIL, INC.

CASE NO. PUE000352

For a license to conduct
business in electric and
natural gas retail access
pilot programs and to act
as an aggregator

ORDER GRANTING LICENSES

On August 31, 2001, Dominion Retail, Inc. ("Dominion Retail" or "the Company"), filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to convert and expand its pilot licenses, License Nos. PE-2B, PG-19, and PA-12,¹ to permanent licenses to provide competitive electric and natural gas services and to act as an aggregator to residential,

¹ These pilot licenses permit the Company to operate in the electric retail access programs of Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power"), American Electric Power-Virginia ("AEP-VA"), and Rappahannock Electric Cooperative ("REC"), and in the natural gas retail access pilot programs of Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc., ("CGV").

commercial, and industrial customers throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia as the Commonwealth opens up to retail access and customer choice.² The Company attested that it would abide by all applicable regulations of the Commission as required by 20 VAC 5-312-40 of the Commission's Rules Governing Retail Access to Competitive Energy Services ("Retail Access Rules").

On September 13, 2001, the Commission issued its Order For Notice and Comment. The September 13 Order docketed the case, required Dominion Retail to serve a copy of the Order on each electric and gas utility in Virginia, and provided for the receipt of comments from the public.

No public comments on Dominion Retail's application were filed.

On September 18, 2001, the Company, by counsel, filed proof of its service of the September 13, 2001 Order for Notice and Comment required by Ordering Paragraph (3) of the September 13 Order.

On September 18, 2001, the Staff filed a Response to Dominion Retail's application. In its Response, the Staff advised that it did not oppose Dominion Retail's application. However, the Staff recommended that Case No. PUE000352, the

² By Order dated July 9, 2001, in Case No. PUE000352, Dominion Retail was granted permanent License No. G-1 to provide competitive natural gas service in WGL's retail access supply choice program and License No. A-1 to provide aggregation services in WGL's natural gas retail access supply choice program.

docket in which the Commission granted the Company its retail access pilot licenses, be closed, and that Dominion Retail be directed to file the reports required by the Commission's Interim Rules Governing Electric and Natural Gas Retail Access Pilot Programs, 20 VAC 5-311-10 et seq. ("Interim Rules"), in the captioned docket, Case No. PUE010482. The Staff contended that this action would result in the efficient administration of the Commission's docket.

In a letter dated October 10, 2001, the Company, by counsel, stated that the Company did not object to the recommendations made in the Staff's Response. Dominion Retail urged the Commission to grant the licenses as requested in the Company's application.

NOW UPON consideration of Dominion Retail's application to convert and expand its present licenses to permanent licenses to conduct the foregoing activities, the Staff's Response, and the Company's October 10, 2001 letter, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that Dominion Retail's application should be granted; that Case No. PUE000352 should be closed; and any reports that Dominion Retail must file in accordance with the Interim Rules or Retail Access Rules should be filed in the captioned docket, Case No. PUE010482.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Dominion Retail's pilot license, License No. PE-2B, is hereby cancelled and replaced with License No. E-3 for the provision of competitive electric service to residential, commercial and industrial customers in Virginia Power, AEP-VA and REC's service territories in accordance with the terms of these pilot programs and throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia as the Commonwealth opens up to retail access and customer choice.

(2) Dominion Retail's current license, License No. G-1 is hereby expanded to allow Dominion Retail to provide natural gas service to residential, commercial, and industrial customers in conjunction with the pilot program of Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc., ("CGV"), the retail access supply choice program of WGL and throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia as the Commonwealth opens up to retail access and customer choice.

(3) Dominion Retail's current license, License No. A-1 is hereby expanded to allow Dominion Retail to provide gas and electric aggregation services to all classes of customers throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia in conjunction with the retail access pilot programs of Virginia Power, AEP-VA, REC, and CGV, WGL's retail access supply choice program and throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia as the Commonwealth opens up to retail access and customer choice.

(4) These licenses are not valid authority for the provision of any product or service not identified within the license itself.

(5) Failure of Dominion Retail, Inc. to comply with the Interim Rules, 20 VAC 5-311-10 et seq., the Retail Access Rules, the provisions of this Order, other State Corporation Commission orders and rules, or other applicable state or federal laws may result in an enforcement action by the Commission including, without limitation, the revocation, suspension, or modification of the license granted herein, the refusal to renew such licenses, the imposition of appropriate fines and penalties, or such other additional actions as may be necessary to protect the public interest.

(6) Case No. PUE000482 is hereby dismissed.

(7) This matter shall remain open pending the receipt of any reports required by the Interim Rules and the Retail Access Rules and to receive any application for amendments or modifications to the licenses granted herein.